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In re Application of:  
Takeshi Nishi  
Application No. 08/974,621  
Filed: November 19, 1997  
Attorney Docket No.: 07977-202001/US3497

**DECISION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, filed by facsimile on February 05, 2002, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above identified application<sup>1</sup>.

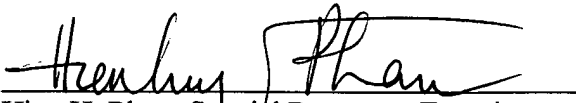
The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application was held abandoned for failure to respond to the Office action mailed on April 18, 2001. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on November 29, 2001.

A review of the application file record reveals that a timely filed response to the Office action including a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a request for an extension of time was not associated with the application file at the time that the Notice of Abandonment was mailed, but has since been located and matched with the application file. Accordingly, the petition is granted. The Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn. The application is restored to pending status.

The application file is being forwarded to the Technology Center 2800 support staff for entry of the RCE. From there, the application will be forwarded to the examiner for further action.

Inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Clayton E. LaBalle at (703) 308-0519.

  
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<sup>1</sup> This is a copy of the original petition which was matched with the application file wrapper on February 19, 2002.